| 1997-98 Completed Sections | KM | 1998-99 Completed Sections | KM | 1999-2000 Completed Sections | KMS |
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| Jodhpur-Marwar | 102 | Shoalpur-Hotgi | 15 | Dahisara-Navlakhi | 6 8 |
| Hotgi-Bijapur | 97 | Mariani-Jorhat | 18 | | |
| Jorhat-Furkating | 67 | Shivsagar- | 39 | | |
| Shimalguri- | 16 | Indara-Phephana | 55 | | |
| Dronachellam-Mehboobnagar | 185 | | | | |

**Train Stoppage in Adilabad District of A.P.**

2923. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action taken to accede to the request of the Andhra Pradesh Government for halting of trains at certain places in Adilabad district under South-Central Railway like Navajeevan Express at Sirpur Kagaznagar, G.T. Exp. at BeUampalli etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): Stoppage of 6031/6032 Chennai-Jammu Tawi Andaman Express at Rechni Road from 1.12.99 and that of 6045/6046 Ahmedabad-Chennai Navjeevan Express at Sirpur Kagaznagar from 1.3.2000 have been provided. Stoppage of 2615/2616 G.T. Express at Bellampalli has been examined but not found feasible at present.

**Setting up of a Railway Station at Krishnanagar**

2924. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for setting up of a railway station near Krishnanagar village on the Kothagudem Manuguru railway line for the convenience of pilgrims visiting Bhadrachelam temple town; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Krishnanagar village is located at a distance of 6 Kms from Pandurangapuram Railway station on Bhadrachalam-Manuguru section. This

station has been opened for traffic on 12.04.2000 and is expected to serve the needs of Krishnanagar village.

**Action on Probe Reports into Rail Accidents**

2925. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Ministry of Railways to file an affidavit in the Court on action taken report on the recommendation of various Commissions of enquiry set up to probe rail accidents in the country

(b) if so, whether the direction has been complied with; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would place in Parliament an account of the various steps taken for technical upgradation and modernisation of Railways and for ensuring safety and security measures; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

*Action on Probe Reports into Rail Accidents.*

(a) A Public Interest Litigation petition has been filed alleging that adequate attention is not paid by Railways to modernisation and measures to improve safety. The petition has, *interalia*, prayed to set up a group of expert to look into all aspects of functioning of railway system.

(b) A draft affidavit has since been submitted to Solicitor General of India.

(c) To go into all aspects connected with the safe running of train services, Ministry of Railways have already set up a High Powered Railway Safety Review Committee in August 1998 under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna—a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India. The terms of reference of the Commette are as under:

(a) To review the position of accidents on the Indian Railways since the appointment of the Railways Accidents Inquiry Committee, 1968 and to review the implementation of the recommendations of all previous Accident Inquiry Committees;